Welcoming the adoption by the Human Rights Council on 28 September 2007 of resolutions 6/9 entitled "Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights", 6/10 entitled "United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training" and 6/24 entitled "World Programme for Human Rights Education",[4]

Acknowledging that non-governmental organizations play an important role at the national, regional and international levels in the promotion and protection of human rights through education and learning,

Considering that the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 2008 is a suitable occasion for the United Nations to increase its efforts to promote a human rights culture worldwide through education and learning,

Convinced that every woman, man and child, in order to realize their full human potential, must be made aware of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Convinced that human rights learning should contribute to the fulfilment of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into a way of life for people everywhere,

1. *Decides* that the year commencing on 10 December 2008 shall be proclaimed the International Year of Human Rights Learning, devoted to activities to broaden and deepen human rights learning on the basis of the principles of universality, indivisibility, interdependency, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, bearing in mind the duty of the State, regardless of the political, economic and cultural system to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds;

2. *Calls upon* Member States to intensify their efforts, throughout the year and beyond, to promote human rights learning and education at the local, national and international level, and encourages cooperation at all levels and with all relevant stakeholders to this end;

3. *Invites* the Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to develop with Member States, in cooperation with civil society organizations and appropriate United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, suitable activities to promote human rights learning, as appropriate, at all levels of society;

4. *Decides* to devote a commemorative meeting at its sixty-third session to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

5. *Also decides* to devote a special meeting at its sixty-fourth session to review activities undertaken by Member States, relevant United Nations agencies and civil society during the International Year of Human Rights Learning and determine the format of the meeting at a later date;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[4] See A/HRC/6/L.11.